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BOARD OF MANAGERS, 1897-98.

REV. SOLON W. BUSH, *President*, 651 Boylston Street.

MRS. THOMAS J. HOMER, *Vice-President*, 59 Winthrop Street.

MRS. C. EDWIN MILES, *Vice-President*, 126 Warren Street.

MR. FRANCIS J. WARD, *Treasurer*, 37 Winthrop Street.

MRS. LEWIS J. BIRD, *Secretary*, 615 Warren Street.

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WILLIAM A. PAINE.

JOHN CARR.

THOMAS J. HOMER.

HENRY WOOD.

Miss LUCY A. NEVERS.

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Mrs. EUGENE H. CLAPP.

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Mrs. JULIAN K. SMYTHE.

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Miss JENNIE MCINTOSH.

Miss ANNIE F. REYNOLDS.

Mrs. ANNIE F. JARVIS.

Mrs. HENRY REVERE.

Mrs. HENRY BASFORD.

Mrs. JOHN S. KEMP.

Mrs. PHINEAS B. SMITH.

Matron.

Mrs. AMANDA L. MAYBERRY.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Rev. SOLON W. BUSH,	651 Boylston Street
JOHN CARR,	80 Elm Hill Avenue
Mrs. LEWIS J. BIRD,	615 Warren Street
HENRY WOOD,	The Warren
WILLIAM A. PAINE,	181 Walnut Avenue
THOMAS J. HOMER,	59 Winthrop Street
FRANCIS J. WARD,	37 Winthrop Street

COMMITTEE ON ADMISSIONS.

Mrs. THOMAS J. HOMER,	59 Winthrop Street
Mrs. C. EDWIN MILES,	126 Warren Street
Mrs. CHARLES H. PLIMPTON,	35 Waverley Street
Mrs. EUGENE H. CLAPP,	3 Rockland Street

COMMITTEE ON FURNISHING AND REPLENISHING.

Miss A. F. REYNOLDS.	Miss J. MCINTOSH.
Mrs. L. F. TRIPP.	Mrs. JOHN S. KEMP.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Mrs. FRANCIS J. WARD. Mrs. JOHN CARR. Mrs. SOLOMON A. BOLSTER.

COMMITTEE ON REPAIRS.

HENRY WOOD.	JOHN CARR.	FRANCIS J. WARD.
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HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Mrs. C. F. COPELAND. Mrs. E. H. CLAPP. Mrs. WILLIAM BARTON.

VISITING COMMITTEE.

April.

Miss REYNOLDS,	13 Kenilworth Street
Mrs. JARVIS,	36 Moreland Street

May.

Mrs. BASFORD,	51 Green Street, Jamaica Plain
Mrs. MILES,	126 Warren Street

June.

Mrs. JOHN S. KEMP, 32 Walton Street, Dorchester
 Mrs. PHINEAS B. SMITH, 82 Howland Street

July.

Miss MCINTOSH, 2859 Washington Street
 Mrs. HUNNEMAN, 7 Perrin Street

August.

Mrs. BOLLES, Weymouth Heights
 Mrs. BARTON, 52 Winthrop Street

September.

Mrs. WAITE, 125 Stanwood Street, Dorchester
 Mrs. CARR, 80 Elm Hill Avenue

October.

Mrs. SMYTHE, 26 Montrose Street
 Mrs. IRESON, 483 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston

November.

Mrs. CLAPP, 3 Rockland Street
 Mrs. PLIMPTON, 35 Waverley Street

December.

Mrs. BOLSTER, 10 Cobden Street
 Mrs. DENNISON, 45 Townsend Street

January.

Miss WHITE, 2 Highland Street
 Mrs. REVERE, 76 Thornton Street

February.

Miss NEVERS, 14 Perrin Street
 Mrs. TRIPP, 27 Whiting Street

March.

Mrs. MORSE, 22 Alaska Street
 Mrs. COPELAND, 331 Walnut Avenue

ANNUAL REPORT.

As the spring-time comes again with its bursting buds, its gladsome sunshine, and the cheer of rejoicing nature welcoming again the approach of summer, we are reminded that the year has slipped away, and the time has come to look back over the monthly records, and present to our interested friends our Annual Report. This will be brief, as the year has been uneventful, and the pleasant story can be repeated of serenity and peace.

The annual meeting was held on April 28, 1896. The board of officers was re-elected, increased by the addition of a second Vice-President, Mrs. C. E. Miles, who had long been a most efficient and useful member of the Board of Managers. Our meetings have been held with regularity on the third Tuesday of each month excepting July and August. Besides these there have been two meetings held for special business. Mrs. John S. Kemp, representing the Warren Street M. E. Church, was added to our number in May. All the meetings have been well attended, and every member interested in contributing to the practical benefit of the household. The heating apparatus of the Home has been thoroughly renewed, and made satisfactory in the coldest weather. The new telephone has been most useful, and has proved to be a great convenience and blessing.

At present our rooms are all occupied, as there are now dwelling in the household 30 elderly women, whose ages vary from sixty-seven to eighty-four years. We have received a larger number of aged friends this year than usual. Mrs. Delia Atwood Thurston was admitted in May, Miss Caroline Danforth Montaigne in July, Mrs. Mary Ann

Barbrick in October, Miss Ann T. Pollard, Mrs. Elizabeth P. Bayer, and Mrs. Caroline White in November, Mrs. Mary P. Peirce in January. Each individual inmate of the Home has peculiar claims upon our sympathy. Each separate case develops an unexpected pathos, and to intimate acquaintance the stories of the past are often of thrilling interest. When the time of parting comes, we feel saddened as at the loss of a friend, and gather as sincere mourners for the last good-by.

During the past months several of our family have entered the portals of the invisible.

Mrs. Elizabeth Teed, who was born in Calais, Me., in November, 1825, and entered the Home in August, 1892, passed away on Friday, May 22. During her long illness she received much care and attention from our visitors, matron, and nurses. Her funeral was attended by Rev. Mr. Hamilton of the Universalist church; and she was buried at Wakefield, Mass.

Miss Ellen M. Tibbetts, who was very patient and appreciative through her most trying sickness, left us on Thursday, August 13. She was buried at Hingham with family friends. The visitor's report says, "We must all feel that our Home has lost one of its most contented, helpful inmates, whose cheery presence will be long missed from among us."

Miss Elizabeth R. Davies, who was the oldest of the family and had been an inmate of the Home since 1883, after a long and gradual decline reached the end of her earthly journey on Sunday, September 13. She was a communicant of St. Mary's Church, Dorchester, whose rector, Rev. W. E. C. Smith, had always been kindly attentive to her, and who officiated at her funeral. Her burial was at the ancient, historic cemetery at Copp's Hill, Boston.

Again the shadow fell across the threshold; and the messenger came for Mrs. Mary A. Howe, whose strength and health had been gradually failing during the two years of her sojourn in our household. Many of her old friends came for her funeral on October 3, bringing beautiful flowers; and

many pleasant recollections were revived of the days of her vigor and usefulness. She was laid to rest beside her husband in Dorchester Cemetery.

On Tuesday, February 23, Mrs. Ellen Lawler, who had been with us for ten years, passed peacefully away from our sight. Rev. Mr. Finlay, of St. Ann's Church, Dorchester, came for her funeral; and we left her for her last repose in the sweet retirement of Forest Hills.

Dr. Butler still continues to be our great reliance in time of sickness, and we feel very grateful for his constant and skilful attentions. He often sacrifices his own comfort and advantage to answer our call for help both day and night.

Mrs. Mayberry still bears the burden and heat of the day with steady and helpful perseverance, ready to assist with heart and hand, forgetting her own weakness in striving to be of service to those about her.

Many pleasant occasions we find chronicled in our records, bright spots which gleam from the mists of the past. The pleasant Easter service, conducted by Rev. D. W. Waldron, with its helpful thoughts and tender suggestions, came first in the year; and faithful friends brought gifts of flowers and pretty tokens to cheer and brighten the lonely ones.

The opportunity presented by the free carriage drives of the Young Men's Christian Union has been often enjoyed and much appreciated. The annual picnic held at Franklin Park on July 20 was a great success, and a source of much enjoyment. The visitor's report says: "Rev. Mr. Waldron, its presiding genius, has been so long in the Master's service and has so caught His spirit as to be a very adept in ministering to the happiness as well as the needs of suffering humanity. 'Such a good time as we have all had,' was reiterated to us again and again; and the cheerful, grateful feelings evoked lingered long after the day had passed by."

The Fourth of July was observed with the holiday spirit; and the feast of salmon and green peas, ice-cream, and sponge cake, combined to make an appropriate observance of the nation's birthday. Our elderly friends do not lose

their interest in the affairs of the nation ; and the political excitement of the autumn was shared by them, and much enthusiasm manifested.

On Sunday, October 11, the family were invited to attend the morning service at Warren Street M. E. Church,—an invitation accepted with much gratification by nine of the old ladies.

Quite an unusual event occurred on November 8. Mrs. Eliza R. Carson celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of her arrival at the Home, and received many congratulations. The evening was spent very agreeably with readings and music contributed by thoughtful friends.

Thanksgiving brought the bountiful feast, and the gratitude for the sheltering of the Home, which is doubly precious as the signs of approaching winter multiply.

Christmas, blessed Christmas, with its remembrances and benefits for all, came here as elsewhere, and was observed with joy and gladness. Many presents were received, and many friends manifested their generous and continued interest. The day was a brilliant star in the wintry firmament, and we gratefully realize that its brightness will shine on through many a cloudy season.

On Monday evening, February 22, an entertainment with the graphophone was provided for the old ladies, who were delighted with its wonderful mystery. When it reproduced with great fidelity their own voices and echoed their exclamations of surprise, they could hardly understand such mechanism.

We would render our acknowledgments to our many friends who have this year given us renewed testimony to their unfailing interest, and would say, in closing :—

“ Thanks for the sympathies that ye have shown !
 Thanks for each kindly word, each silent token,
 That teaches us, when seeming most alone,
 Friends are around us, though no word be spoken.”

S. ELIZABETH BIRD, *Secretary*.

FRANCIS J. WARD, *Treasurer*, IN ACCOUNT WITH ROXBURY HOME FOR CHILDREN AND AGED WOMEN.

<i>Dr.</i>		<i>Cr.</i>	
April 1, 1897.		April 1, 1897.	
To Balance of Account April 1, 1896	.	By amount invested as a temporary investment	\$5,000.00
Income from Board	. . . . .	A temporary investment	2,000.00
" " Subscriptions	. . . . .	Printing Annual Report	\$57.94
" " Investments	. . . . .	Board	359.57
" " Admissions	. . . . .	House furnishings	142.51
" " Incidentals	. . . . .	Medicines	94.87
" " Donations	. . . . .	Security Safe Deposit Co.	15.00
" " Adams Fund	. . . . .	Incidentals	134.00
" " Caroline Porter Fund	. . . . .	Boston Auxiliary Fire Alarm Co.	25.00
" " Lowell Fund	. . . . .	Fuel and lights	441.88
" " William Whiting Fund	. . . . .	Children's aid	342.00
" " Gifford Fund	. . . . .	Water tax	30.00
" " Provident Institute for Savings	. . . . .	New England Telephone and Telegraph Co.	25.67
" " Sophia J. Snow Fund	501.25	Expense account	1,486.98
" " N. E. Telephone and Telegraph Co.	. . . . .20	Table supplies	2,401.56
Received for investments	. . . . .5,000.00	Salaries and wages	1,637.81
	13,263.18	Balance to new account	3,189.34
	<u>\$17,384.13</u>		<u>\$17,384.13</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Boston, April 1, 1897.

FRANCIS J. WARD, *Treasurer*.

Vouchers and accounts verified and found correct.

R. B. FAIRBAIRN, *Auditor*.

ROXBURY, April 22, 1897.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Mr. Aaron H. Bean.
Mrs. Augustus Parker.

Miss Annie M. Haines.
Miss H. F. Holden.

LIFE MEMBERS, \$50.00.

Mrs. N. J. Bowditch.
Mrs. Olive E. Hayden.
Mrs. David P. Kimball.
Mrs. Henry S. Shaw.
* Mrs. Jeremiah Plimpton.
Mrs. Sophie E. Copeland.
Mrs. H. A. Root.

Mrs. W. A. Root.
Rev. W. H. Lyon.
Mrs. Emily L. Couthouy.
Mrs. L. F. Tripp.
Mrs. Francis J. Ward.
Mrs. K. P. Fletcher.
Miss Eleanor G. May.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION.

ONE DOLLAR AND UPWARDS.

1896-97.

Appleton, Mrs. Mary G.

Bacon, Augustus
Bacon, Miss Mary P.
Bacon, Mrs. William
Badger, Mrs. M. A.
Bartlett, Miss Mary H.
Barton, Mrs. William
Basford, Mrs. Henry
Basto, Mrs. M. A.
Bayley, Mrs. M. R.
Beaman, Mrs. N. P.
Bean, Aaron H.
Bean, Miss Mary H.
Bird, Mrs. L. J.

Bolles, Mrs. C. H.
Bolster, Mrs. Solomon A.
Bosworth, Mrs. D. P.
Bradford, Mrs. C. F.
Bradstreet, Mrs. C. A.
Bray, Mrs. C. F.
Brigham, Miss Lucy T.
Brown, Atherton T., \$5.
Bulger, Mrs. Anna
Bush, Rev. Solon W.
Bush, Mrs. T. D.

Call, Mrs. Norman, \$2.
Carr, Mrs. Albert E.
Carr, John

Carr, Mrs. John
 Cheever, Mrs. Murray
 Childs, Mrs. Sara V. D.
 Clapp, Mrs. Howard
 Clapp, Miss Abbie
 Clapp, Miss Antoinette
 Clapp, Mrs. Eugene H., \$5.
 Clarke, Mrs. Mary L., \$2.
 Cushing, Mrs. James

Dary, Mrs. G. A.
 Davenport, Mrs. Orlando H.
 Dawson, Miss Sarah
 Dean, Miss Lilian F.
 Dennison, Mrs. E. W.
 Dennison, Mrs. H. B., \$5.
 De Normandie, Mrs. James.
 Dillaway, Mrs. Charles K.

Edson, Mrs. P. O'M.
 Eliot, Miss Emily B.
 Eliot, Miss Mary L.
 Emmons, Mrs. Henry, \$3.

Fairbairn, Robert B.
 Forbes, Mrs. H. D.
 Foster, Mrs. Anna S.
 Fowle, Miss Helen A.

Gage, Miss Catherine A.
 Green, Mrs. Frank E.
 Gregory, Mrs. George W., \$2.
 Guild, Mrs. James, \$10.
 Guild, Mrs. Rebecca

Haines, Miss A. M.
 Hall, Mrs. Solomon, \$2.
 Harmon, Mrs. Ivory
 Harrington, Miss I. D.
 Harrington, Miss M. S.
 Harvey, Mrs. Charles C.
 Hayward, Mrs. J. W.
 Heath, Miss Elizabeth

Hemenway, Mrs. A.
 Hill, Mrs. Charles W., \$2.
 Hoadley, Mrs. J. C.
 Hobbs, Miss Alice A.
 Hobbs, Mrs. George M.
 Hodgdon, Mrs. David M., \$2.
 Hodges, Mrs. Danforth C.
 Holden, Miss H. F.
 Homer, Mrs. T. J.
 Homer, Thomas J.
 Howard, Miss H. S., \$3.
 Humphreys, R. C.
 Humphreys, Mrs. R. C.
 Hunneman, Mrs. S. H.

Ingell, Miss Mary A.
 Ireson, Mrs. Wesley

Jackson, Mrs. A. C.
 Jarvis, Mrs. A. F.

Keene, Mrs. Simeon W.
 Kellogg, Mrs. George F.
 Kemp, Mrs. John S.
 Kennard, Miss H. C.
 Kimball, Mrs. Augusta C.
 Kittredge, Mrs. William P.

Lamson, Mrs. Joseph
 Lane, Mrs. Benjamin P.
 Lawrence, H. P.
 Leland, Mrs. William S.
 Loring, Mrs. S. H.

Martin, Mrs. Henry A., \$5.
 McIntosh, Mrs. A. S.
 McIntosh, Miss Jennie
 Meredith, Mrs. Joseph H.
 Miles, Dr. C. E.
 Miles, Mrs. C. E.
 Monroe, Mrs. George H.
 Morrill, Mrs. George
 Morse, Mrs. Lewis W.

Nazro, Mrs. Fred H.
 Nazro, Miss M. W.
 Nevers, Miss Lucy A.
 Newell, Mrs. James M.
 Newell, Mrs. James W.
 Noble, John
 Noble, Mrs. John
 Norton, Mrs. J. H.

 Otis, Mrs. Harriet B.

 Paine, William A.
 Parker, Mrs. Augustus
 Parker, Mrs. J. Wells
 Parker, Miss M. E.
 Pettee, Mrs. Seth, \$2.
 Pierce, Miss M. E.
 Plimpton, Charles H.
 Plimpton, Mrs. Charles H.
 Pollock, Mrs. Charles
 Potter, Mrs. S. Allen

 Revere, Mrs. Henry
 Reynolds, Miss Annie F.
 Rice, Mrs. George Woods
 Rogers, Miss Laura D.
 Rogers, Miss Susan S., \$3.

 Sargent, Mrs. Epes, \$5.
 Shannon, Miss Mattie A. S.
 Smith, Miss A. E.
 Smith, George B.
 Smith, Miss S. L., \$5.
 Smythe, Mrs. J. K.

Soren, John
 Soren, Miss Grace E.
 Souther, Horatio H.
 Swett, Miss Eliza G.
 Swett, Miss Ellen L.
 Swift, Mrs. C. L.

 Thacher, Miss C. B.
 Thompson, Mrs. Augustus C., \$3.
 Thompson, Mrs. John A.
 Townsend, E. B.
 Townsend, Mrs. John
 Tripp, Frank F.
 Tripp, Miss Marion C.
 Tuttle, Mrs. Thomas W.

 Wadsworth, Mrs. G. W.
 Waite, Mrs. Edwin
 Waldron, Rev. D. W.
 Waldron, Miss Mary R.
 Ward, Mr. Francis J.
 Ware, Mrs. Leonard
 Waterman, Mrs. George H.
 Wheelock, Mrs. J. Andrews
 Wheelwright, Mrs. George, \$5.
 Wheelwright, Mrs. Josiah
 White, Miss Laura B.
 White, Miss Margaret U.
 White, Miss S. D. H.
 White, Mrs. Frederick O.
 Williams, Mrs. R. B.
 Wood, Henry
 Worthington, Mrs. Roland
 Wortman, Miss M. A.

Bequests to the Roxbury Home for Children and Aged
Women since April 1, 1884:—

Mrs. Mary Vinton	\$500.00
Miss Sarah Bradford	500.00
Mrs. Mehitable Adams	1,000.00
John H. Eastburn	3,000.00
Mrs. Catharine C. Humphreys	1,000.00
Benjamin F. Penniman	127.73
Mrs. Catharine L. Pray	500.00
Miss Sarah A. Hart	2,000.00
Joseph W. Tucker	500.00
Charles G. Emmons	500.00
Stephen Williams	38,710.61
Miss Mary Williams	5,000.00
Mrs. Ellen M. Gifford	1,000.00
Mrs. Mary W. Hollingsworth	400.00
Miss Susan Weld	300.00
Mrs. Caroline P. Adams	900.00
Mrs. Caroline P. Adams, additional	100.00
Miss Anna Cabot Lowell	2,000.00
Mrs. Sophia J. Snow	10,000.00
Miss Susan Seaver	500.00

Kind friends have continued to manifest their interest in many ways ; and we acknowledge, with thanks, gifts of fruits, flowers, cake, and delicacies for the sick. In the abundance of the apple harvest, we were remembered most generously. Tokens of good will are always welcomed, and we notice these names among the givers : —

Mrs. Barton.	Mrs. Dean.
Mrs. Bolles.	Miss Dean.
Miss Boston.	Mrs. Dennison.
Mrs. Bowers.	Mrs. Dillaway.
Mrs. Bolster.	Mrs. Hunt.
Mr. Calvin S. Ball.	Mrs. Wellington.
Mrs. Walter Bicknell.	Mrs. Hunneman.
Mrs. Samuel Carr, of Otisfield.	Mrs. Slocumb.
Mrs. Clapp.	Mrs. Miles.
Mrs. John Carr.	Mrs. John M. Way.
All Souls' Church.	Mrs. Ward.
King's Daughters of Walnut Avenue Church.	Mrs. Smythe.
Miss S. D. H. White.	Mrs. William Oxtan.
Mrs. Revere.	Mrs. Fowle.
Mr. F. O. White.	Miss Fowle.
	Mr. George Fuller.

Magazines, papers, etc., have been contributed by the following friends : —

Mrs. P. O'M. Edson.	Mrs. Rogers.
Mrs. F. W. Kittredge.	Mrs. Dennison.
Miss Mansfield.	Mr. C. S. Jenks.
Second Church, Copley Square.	Mr. G. Walker.
Mrs. Jackson.	Mrs. Smythe.
Mrs. H. Waitt.	

Also \$5 from a friend for car-rides for the old ladies ; a trunk full of clothing in May, and another in June ; a shoulder cape and dress ; trips in the harbor and carriage rides through the generosity of the Young Men's Christian Union.

MUSIC.

Among those to whom our thanks are especially due are those who come with "the voice of song" to enrich our Sunday services with their sweet music. The echo of the pleasant harmony often lingers to refresh and cheer the listeners. On several occasions different clubs, quartettes, and various groups of talented young people have visited the Home and given choice entertainments, which are much enjoyed. We would acknowledge the welcome visits of

Mrs. Stevenson.	Eliot Church Choir.
Mrs. Boyden.	Mrs. Foster.
Mrs. Albert Carr.	Mr. and Mrs. Rand.
Miss Croft.	Young People from Warren Street
Miss Nellie Fisher.	M. E. Church.
Mrs. Abby Clark Ford.	Miss Smythe.
Miss Helen Fowle.	Mr. N. F. Thayer.
Miss Knapp.	Miss Gertrude Whitcomb.
Mr. Emery Watson.	Mrs. F. O. White.
Miss Hunneman.	Mrs. Whitman.
Mrs. McCobb.	Young People from Dudley Street
Miss Ellis.	Baptist Church.
Mrs. Clarke.	Young ladies from Walnut Avenue
Mrs. Morgan.	Church.
Mrs. Frank Ware.	Master Harry Patterson.
King's Daughters, Winthrop	Mr. Bennett.
Street.	Thayer Quartette.
Misses Crowhurst.	Mr. Alexander.
Mr. Dean.	Miss Carpenter.
Miss Clara Adams.	Mr. Henry Basford.
Mr. L. K. Morse.	Misses Patterson.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Every Sunday afternoon at 4 P.M., excepting during the months of July and August, a religious service is held, to which any neighbor or friend is cordially invited, and which is much enjoyed by the members of the family. To the following friends, both ministers and laymen, who have so kindly assisted in conducting these services, our hearty thanks are tendered :—

Rev. C. H. Beale.

Rev. W. H. Bolster.

Rev. Solon W. Bush.

Rev. W. R. Campbell.

Rev. Mr. Cate.

Rev. J. R. Cushing.

Rev. Hiram Houston.

Mr. R. C. Humphreys.

Rev. John Locke.

Rev. George H. Perkins.

Rev. E. M. Taylor.

Rev. C. L. Morgan.

Rev. Walter A. King.

Deacon Cushing.

Deacon Mayo.

Rev. A. H. Plumb.

Rev. George L. Robinson.

Rev. Julian K. Smythe.

Rev. D. W. Waldron.

Rev. Herbert White.

Rev. Theo. F. Wright.

Rev. George Wright.

Rev. J. D. Pickles.

Mr. Valentine.

Mr. Russell.

Rev. Judson Smith.

Rev. Mr. Briggs.

Rev. E. D. Mallory.

Rev. H. T. Secrist.

Rev. Arthur Little.

Rev. Walter E. C. Smith visited the Home and administered the communion several times on week-days.

INMATES.

ENTERED THE HOME.	NAME.	DATE OF BIRTH.
October, 1896	Mrs. Caroline White	Oct. 21, 1812
September, 1894	Mrs. Louise W. Gibson	March 29, 1814
May, 1894	Miss Elizabeth E. Clark	March 29, 1814
July, 1883	Miss Lydia Learned	Nov. 10, 1814
February, 1893	Mrs. Catharine Stark	Dec. 25, 1814
July, 1896	Miss Caroline D. Montaigne	Feb. 8, 1815
November, 1891	Miss Anna D. Fiske	Feb. 12, 1815
July, 1895	Mrs. Eudora A. J. Merrill	Jan. 2, 1816
October, 1880	Miss M. Louise Crawley	April 12, 1816
November, 1871	Mrs. Eliza R. Carson	June 11, 1816
May, 1891	Mrs. Elizabeth P. Colley	Aug. 10, 1816
September, 1889	Miss Jane Peer	Feb. 17, 1817
January, 1892	Mrs. Abby B. Child	March 7, 1817
August, 1886	Miss Eliza Brereton	March 6, 1818
February, 1891	Miss Prudence S. Nichols	Oct. 14, 1818
October, 1896	Mrs. Mary Ann Barbrick.	May 24, 1820
May, 1896	Mrs. Delia A. Thurston	Jan. 14, 1821
January, 1885	Mrs. Sally A. Wormwood	Jan. 27, 1821
September, 1889	Mrs. Tencie W. Rogers	May 25, 1822
May, 1888	Mrs. Sarah B. Noyes	Sept. 7, 1822
November, 1896	Mrs. Elizabeth P. Bayer	Feb. 1, 1823
January, 1892	Miss Maria Hanscom	July 3, 1823
November, 1896	Miss Ann T. Pollard	March 11, 1824
June, 1895	Mrs. Cordelia M. Lewis	Nov. 1, 1824
February, 1888	Mrs. Elizabeth Frieze	Dec. 5, 1824
February, 1897	Mrs. Mary Pitts Peirce	Nov. 11, 1825
November, 1893	Mrs. Lucy R. Warren	Nov. 17, 1825
May, 1889	Miss Mary A. Dolan	March 8, 1827
July, 1895	Miss Mary Nickelson	Oct. 26, 1828
February, 1892	Miss Lucy R. Kirby	Sept. 25, 1829
October, 1894.	Miss Louise M. Lewis	Oct. 2, 1829

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIX.

AN ACT

To incorporate the Children's Home and Home for Aged Females in Roxbury.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

SECTION 1. James Ritchie, John Rogers, Charles K. Dillaway, and James Waldock, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Children's Home and Home for Aged Females in Roxbury, for the purpose of providing for destitute children and aged females, and affording a temporary home for the same, with all the powers and subject to all the duties and liabilities set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

SECT. 2. Said corporation may take and hold real estate not exceeding the value of twenty thousand dollars, and personal estate not exceeding the value of thirty thousand dollars, for the aforesaid charitable purposes.

SECT. 3. This Act shall take effect from and after its passage.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 29, 1856.

Passed to be enacted.

CHARLES A. PHELPS, *Speaker.*

IN SENATE, May 30, 1856.

Passed to be enacted.

ELIHU C. BAKER, *President.*

May 31, 1856.

Approved.

HENRY J. GARDNER.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, June 3, 1856.

A true copy.

Attest :

THOMAS DEWITT,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

[CHAPTER 199.]

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOUR.

AN ACT

To change the name of the "Children's Home and Home for Aged Females in Roxbury."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. The name of the corporation known as the "Children's Home and Home for Aged Females in Roxbury" is changed to the "Roxbury Home for Children and Aged Women."

SECT. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 20, 1874.

Passed to be enacted.

JOHN E. SANFORD, *Speaker*.

IN SENATE, April 23, 1874.

Passed to be enacted.

GEO. B. LORING, *President*.

April 24, 1874.

Approved.

W. B. WASHBURN.

SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, April 28, 1886.

A true copy.

Witness the Seal of the Commonwealth.

[SEAL.]

DEPUTY HENRY J. COOLIDGE,

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE.

AN ACT

Enabling the Roxbury Home for Children and Aged Women to hold additional real and personal estate.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section two of chapter two hundred and forty of the Acts of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-six, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Children's Home and Home for Aged Females in Roxbury," is repealed, and the following is substituted in place thereof: Said corporation may take and hold real estate not exceeding the value of seventy-five thousand dollars, and personal estate not exceeding the value of seventy-five thousand dollars, for the aforesaid charitable purposes.

SECT. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 12, 1883.

Passed to be enacted.

GEORGE A. MARDEN, *Speaker*.

IN SENATE, Feb. 14, 1883.

Passed to be enacted.

GEORGE G. CROCKER, *President*.

Feb. 15, 1883.

Approved.

BENJAMIN F. BUTLER.

SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT, March 1, 1883.

A true copy.

Attest:

HENRY B. PEIRCE,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

BY-LAWS.

ADOPTED APRIL 22, 1884.

ARTICLE I.

The corporation shall consist of the persons named in the Act of Incorporation, all Life and Honorary Members, and of all such persons as shall have received, at any legal meeting of the Board of Managers, a majority of the votes cast at such meeting, and shall pay such sum as shall be voted as the annual assessment. Membership to cease upon non-payment of the annual assessment.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS.

The officers of the corporation, under the name of the "Board of Managers," shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, Auditor, and not more than thirty other persons, all of whom shall be members of the corporation. They shall be chosen by ballot at each annual meeting, and shall hold their offices for one year and until others are chosen and qualified. The Board of Managers shall have power to fill any vacancies occurring during the year.

ARTICLE III.

MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of the corporation shall be holden on the fourth Tuesday of April; and the Board of Managers may call special meetings of the corporation whenever in their opinion expedient or desirable, and it shall be their duty to call them whenever requested in writing so to do by twenty members. Notice of time and place of meeting shall be given in one or more newspapers published in the city of Boston at least four days previous to the meeting.

A regular meeting of the Board of Managers shall be held on the third Tuesday of every month, at such place and hour as they shall direct; and special meetings may be called at any time by the President, Vice-President, or Committee for the month. Notices of such special meetings shall state the object for which they are called. Six members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IV.

MANAGERS.

The Board of Managers shall have the entire government and control of the Home, and of the general business and property of the Association. They may choose committees from their own members on Finance, Supplies, Repairs, Admissions, and such other committees as may be necessary to perform any special duties. They shall have full power to take any measure which they may deem expedient for encouraging subscriptions, donations, and bequests to the corporation; and they shall make an annual report to the corporation, on the Treasurer's accounts and on the general state of the Home, and give an abstract of their doings for the year.

ARTICLE V.

VISITING COMMITTEE.

There shall be a Committee of one or more from the Board of Managers for every month, whose duty it shall be to visit the Home at least once a week, ascertain all needs, make fitting suggestions, give orders for necessary purchases, and submit their report at the succeeding monthly meeting. They shall also have supervision over outside beneficiaries.

ARTICLE VI.

TREASURER.

The Treasurer under the direction of the Committee on Finance shall have the charge and care of the finances, shall receive all moneys due, and shall pay all bills which have been approved by the Board of Managers of their authorized committees. He shall render an account annually to the corporation and quarterly to the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE VII.

AUDITOR.

The auditor shall, in the month of April of every year, audit the account of the Treasurer, examine the property of the corporation, and append his report to the Treasurer's annual statement.

ARTICLE VIII.

SECRETARY.

The Secretary shall notify and attend all meetings of the corporation and of the Board of Managers, and shall keep a distinct record of the doings of each, with the names of those present at Board meetings,

and shall notify the members of the Visiting Committee of their term of service, and shall bring to the attention of the Board all communications requiring action.

ARTICLE IX.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Any person who shall contribute the sum of \$50 may become a Life Member by a vote of the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE X.

ADMISSION OF INMATES.

Preference shall be given to those applicants who are residents of that part of Boston formerly known as Roxbury. The Managers may, if they deem it expedient, aid beneficiaries at their own home.

ARTICLE XI.

DONATIONS.

All sums received by the Association as donations or bequests, unless the donor or testator shall otherwise prescribe, and all moneys collected, including subscriptions, may be applied to the current expenses of the Institution, or to create or increase a permanent fund, or be otherwise invested at the discretion of the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE XII.

AMENDMENTS.

The foregoing By-laws may be altered, amended, or added to by a vote of a majority of the members present at any legal meeting of the corporation, notice thereof having been given of the change proposed in the call of said meeting.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS.

ARTICLE I.

VISITING COMMITTEE.

The visitors for the month shall visit the Home not less than once a week. It shall be their duty to see the inmates, inquire into their condition, and give such encouragement and advice as may be in their power or the circumstances of the case seem to require. The Committee shall have the general oversight of the Matron and the concerns of the family. They shall ascertain the needs of the Institution, and direct the purchase of such articles as may be required for its temporary welfare and comfort. They shall see that the Matron conforms to the rules as to her own conduct and that of the family, and they shall make a monthly report to the Managers of the Institution.

ARTICLE II.

MATRON.

The Matron, under direction of the Visiting Committee, shall have charge of the house. She shall in no case be absent during the night without permission from the Visiting Committee. She shall enforce the rules and regulations of the Managers, and carry out such others as may be prescribed by the Visiting Committee. She shall be present at meals, see that they are properly served, and that all the inmates who are in health are present, and that suitable food be prepared for the sick. She shall report to the Visiting Committee the names of all applicants and the date of application, and, if presents be made to the Institution, the names of the persons making them, and the character of the donation. She shall at all times maintain the respect due to her station, and by kindness, attention, and judicious treatment endeavor to gain the esteem and secure the comfort and happiness of all those under her care. If improper conduct is observed in any member of the family, she shall, after the first offence, report the same to the Visiting Committee. She will, under the direction of the Visiting Committee, have the direction of nurses, domestics, and all other employees in the building. It shall be her duty to see that neatness and good conduct prevail in every part of the establishment, and that all unnecessary fires and lights are extinguished by 9.30 P.M.

ARTICLE III.

ON ADMISSIONS.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Admissions to visit each applicant and inquire into her circumstances and character, and make a full report to the Board in writing in regard to those deemed by them proper persons for admission to the Home, always accompanied with a certificate from a physician of good standing that he has examined the applicant, and that she has no physical or mental infirmity that should preclude her admission. The Board shall, in all cases, decide upon the admission of candidates. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Admissions to keep a record, in which shall be entered the names of all applicants, their respective ages, places of birth and residence, by whom recommended, date of application, and such other information as may be of importance. No person shall be admitted as an inmate of the Home without a recommendation from this Committee.

SECT. 2. No person shall be admitted to the Home unless of American parentage, except by a majority of all the Managers present and voting at a regular meeting; and preference shall always be given to natives or residents of Roxbury.

SECT. 3. Persons under sixty-five years of age shall not be eligible. In the admission of all persons, they shall be received on probation of three months, at the expiration of which the Board of Managers shall act definitely on the case of each one so received; and, if not confirmed as permanent inmates, the admission fee, deducting three dollars per week, shall be returned.

SECT. 4. The Board of Managers may by vote admit inmates on such terms as the pecuniary condition of the corporation or the circumstances of any peculiar case may seem to demand. Until otherwise ordered, three hundred dollars shall be the fee for admission. Furniture and other articles brought into the house by or for permanent inmates must remain for the benefit of the Home.

SECT. 5. The Board of Managers have the right at any time to discharge and remove from the Home any inmate who has been guilty of disobedient or disorderly conduct, or who, in their judgment, has by her conduct rendered such action necessary for the best interests of the Institution, *provided*, however, that no vote of removal shall be passed, unless the intention to pass such vote shall have been inserted in the notice calling the meeting.

SECT. 6. Inmates who have property must secure the same to the corporation before admission; and, in case of money or other property coming into their possession after their admission, by inheritance, bequest, or otherwise, they must, if they continue in the Home, make the same over to the corporation upon the demand of the Board of Managers.

SECT. 7. Inmates will be required in all cases to comply with the Rules and Regulations of the Home, as provided by the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE IV.

INMATES.

SECTION 1. The inmates will be required at all times to treat the Matron and Visiting Committee with deference and respect. They will also endeavor, by quiet and gentle manners, to diffuse an air of cheerfulness and good feeling throughout the establishment; and, by acts of kindness and forbearance, to gain the esteem and promote the happiness and comfort of each other.

SECT. 2. Those who are able will be required to make their own beds and to keep their own rooms in order, neat and clean, and, under direction of the Matron, to assist those who are unable to do the same. They will also be expected to assist in domestic duties and in sewing, and generally to render all the services they can for the benefit of the Institution and the comfort of those inmates more helpless than themselves.

SECT. 3. No intoxicating drinks shall be used, except by order of the physician; and, in such cases, they must be administered by the Matron.

SECT. 4. All that is necessary for the comfort of the inmates of the Home will be provided from the funds of the Association. No inmate, therefore, will, on any account, be permitted to leave the Institution to solicit assistance or procure work, unless by special permission from the Visiting Committee.

SECT. 5. No inmate will be allowed to interfere with the Matron or to obstruct her in the discharge of her duties, but any one having cause of complaint must present the same to the Visiting Committee.

SECT. 6. If any inmate desires to visit her friends or to go off the premises at any time, permission must be obtained of the Matron, who, before granting the same, must ascertain where the person wishes to go and how long she proposes to be absent.

SECT. 7. All of the inmates who are able will take their meals at the regular table provided for them, and will also attend the Sunday service held for them in the parlor each Sunday afternoon.

ARTICLE V.

Visitors may be permitted any day in the week between the hours of 10 and 12 A.M. and 2 and 6 P.M., and on Sundays after 2 o'clock P.M.

ARTICLE VI.

These Rules and Regulations may be altered, amended, or abrogated, and others prescribed at any regular meeting of the Board of Managers; and, to insure harmony, strict attention should be paid to them.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Roxbury Home for Children and Aged Women, now located on Burton Avenue, Roxbury, in the city of Boston, Mass., the sum of..... dollars, to be applied to the general uses and purposes of said Home.

